

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Replace the paragraph at page 10, lines 25-35, with:

Of the hydroxyl-protecting groups represented by R¹, R², R¹¹, R¹², R²¹ or R²², specific examples of the alkyl group optionally having substituent(s) include methyl group, ethyl group, tert-butyl group, methoxymethyl group, tert-butoxymethyl group, benzyloxymethyl group, 2-tetrahydropyranyl group, 2-tetrahydrofuranyl group, 1-ethoxyethyl group, 1-benzyloxyethyl group, benzyl group, p-methoxybenzyl group, p-nitrobenzyl group, trityl group and the like, with preference given to methyl group, ethyl group, methoxymethyl group, 2-tetrahydropyranyl group, ~~2-tetrahydropyranyl 2-tetrahydrofuranyl~~ group and 1-ethoxyethyl group.